

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- The VMRAF system 420 may be the same as, or similar to, the VMRAF system described in U.S. Patent Application S.N. \_\_\_\_\_ 09/785,223, titled "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING VOICE MESSAGING USING E-MAIL", filed on February 16, 2001 ~~even date herewith~~ and hereby expressly incorporated by reference. The VMRAF system 420 has the ability to retrieve voice messages from one or more voice messaging systems and forward the voice messages to a subscriber using IP packets, e.g., as E-mail file attachments. In some embodiments, the VMRAF system 420 maintains a local store of retrieved and forwarded voice messages in the event that a subscriber wishes to access the messages by phone by calling the VMRAF system 420.--